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Shortwave radio guide book HELP!!!
Wanted: Satellite Gear

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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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colink@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: C200 controller
To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

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It was manufactured by Contronics. The division that made it is no longer in operation. It was bought out by GTE Spacenet. They will not give me any info on it. Depending on who you talk to you will get conflicting stories. Some say the info is proprietary some say it is not. The only info they have sent me is for a 40 foot earth

listing station. The one I have is a scaled down model. ie:2.5 meter.

I hope to use this for packet radio someday. I am in the process of acquiring my "Ham" license now. Can anyone tell me how to use this "dish" and controller for listening purposes.

The "dish" came from a Farmers insurance agent that went out of business. I acquired it at an auction.

I can be reached at colink@kira.csos.orst.edu Thanks...Colin.

Date: 21 Jun 1994 16:40:24 GMT

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uunet.ca!ionews@ihnp4.ucsd.edu

Subject: Ham/Macintosh BBS

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Gallery's BBS moved to a new phone number at 202-298-6009. We feature Macintosh shareware for ham radio and other general use files for the Mac. The system is free and all callers are welcome. No download/upload ratios or any other restrains.

Settings are standard modem ones and it supports calls up to 9600 bd

Thanks for reading this and hope to see a few more users logging in.. 73's de Paulo,N3MGA paulot@cais2.cais.com

Date: 21 Jun 1994 19:44:40 -0700

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!apple.com!apple.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Macintosh tracking programs

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

I've seen some requests for Macintosh satellite tracking programs on this newsgroup recently. Here are the ones listed in Terry Stader (KA8SGP)'s Mac ham software list.

FWIW, I use SatTrak and MacSPOC myself.

Patty

Apple contractor Internet: winter@apple.com

Sunnyvale, California AMPRNet: 44.4.4.44

"Here I've been talking with the most intelligent people in the world, and I never even noticed." --Columbo

<SatTrak v1.02>

Tracks one satellite across a world map as it moves, displays the instantaneous position of several satellites, or generates tables of all satellites visible from a certain location at a given time. Also calculates beam headings, Maidenhead grid locations, and MUFs. Shareware. Available via anonymous FTP from sumex-aim.stanford.edu (/info-mac/app). Or send a formatted 800K Macintosh disk with stamped, self-addressed disk mailer to Mike Pflueger, WD8KPZ, 6207 W. Beverly Lane, Glendale, AZ 85306.

<MacSat v3.1>

Tracks up to 21 satellites simultaneously, either in simulation or real-time mode. Text screen displays ground-track coordinates, range, mean anomaly, visibility (azimuth and elevation) and Doppler shift frequency information for all satellites being tracked. Graphical screen portrays the satellite ground tracks superimposed on a world map. Polar plot displays graphically the precise location of each visible satellite above the observer's horizon. Developed by the Geodetic Research Laboratory of the University of New

Brunswick. Available from Richard B. Langley, R.R. 12, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 6H7, Canada (Internet: lang@unb.ca). A demo version of MacSat may be ftp'ed from directory PUB.CANSPACE on unbmvs1.csd.unb.ca. System 7

<OrbiTrack> <OrbiTrackFPU v2.1.4>

Calculates look angles to selected satellites, plots current satellite positions on a world map, and displays the visible passage of a satellite against background stars (either within the program itself or via a data file that can be read into the Voyager astronomy program). Please note that one version requires an FPU to operate! BEK Developers, P.O. Box 47114, St. Petersburg, FL 33743. (Bill Bard, CompuServe: 75366,2557) (Note: This replaces BEK's previous MacSat program, which was not related to the program of the same name from UNB.)

<OuikMac>

Macintosh version of N4HY's QuikTrak program. Requires Microsoft BASIC. AMSAT, P.O. Box 27, Washington, DC 20044.

<Satellite Orbit Prediction Program>

Macintosh conversion of W3IWI program. Requires Microsoft BASIC. Send formatted 800K Macintosh disk with stamped, self-addressed disk mailer to Earl Skelton, N3ES, 6311 29th Place NW, Washington, DC 20015. Or send self-addressed stamped envelope for source listing.

<Satellite Pro>

Uses world maps and tables to indicate rising and setting schedules, current locations, mutual visibility opportunities, and footprints. Includes Mercator, polar, and great-circle displays. Optional antenna control. MacTrak Software, P.O. Box 1590, Port Orchard, WA 98366.

<Macintosh Spacecraft Personal Orbit Computations (MacSPOC)>
 Software used aboard the Space Shuttle and in Mission Control
to track the Shuttle. Models engine burns, orbit perturbations,
and the Shuttle's orientation. Free online data uploads during
Shuttle missions.

Commercial v1.5 available from Daniel R. Adamo,
4203 Moonlight Shadow Ct., Houston, TX 77059; telephone
713-480-9631; AppleLink: D3176; America Online: AdamoD. Test
drive v1.1 available on AppleLink (path "K-12 Education: Education
Resources: Science Resources: MacSPOC: Space Shuttle Orbit Software").
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news.Arizona.EDU!bozo!ssa@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Online (Pro) Space Station Petition

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Dear Colleague:

Student Space Action would like to inform you of a way in which you can directly voice your support for manned space exploration. As you read this, your space program is in danger of becoming extinct. Congress is once again attempting to eliminate space station funding. Cancellation of the space station could mean the phase-out of space exploration and eventual termination of aerospace industries and job opportunities. The resulting impact on the nation's economy, technology and educational system would be disastrous.

You can tell your congressmen exactly how much you support the space station and the manned space initiative by signing the Student Space Action's Interactive Online Petition. Simply follow these steps:

telnet seds.lpl.arizona.edu
login> space

Now answer the questions to the best of your ability (read the directions accompanying the petition-use <tab> to enter answer; <enter> to toggle yes/no;
up/down arrows to go backwards and forwards through
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After you submit the petition, you will receive information on your congressmen and senators so you can contact them further by phone or mail if you desire.

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Please forward this message to anyone you may feel would want to be a part of this effort--everyone!

If you believe the space program is a vital part of our country's future, both in economic growth and technological advancement, then sign the Student Space Action's Interactive Petition.

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Sincerely,

Student Space Action ssa@seds.lpl.arizona.edu

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news.kei.com!ssd.intel.com!chnews!news@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Relays

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Can anyone tell me where I might find (purchase cheaply) some 12-24 VDC relays that I can use to switch in/out my 2m and 70cm antenna preamps? I need to take the premaps out-of-line before transmitting. They need to operate at 145 and 443 MHz with minimum signal lost and capable of handling 150 watts of RF output power. I perfer PC mount type so I can mount them inside the preamp bud box. Coaxial relays (Dowell or TohTus) are big and require coax connectors.

Thanks, Tom WB7ASR...

tom boza@ccm.hf.intel.com

Date: 21 Jun 1994 09:16:18 -0500

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!cs.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu Subject: Satellite FAQ is very helpful for preparing for Field Day.

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Since I posted my question regarding how to make a satellite contact on field day, and since no one responded to that message, I figured that there must me some information (read FAQ) at one of the known amateur radio mirror sites. I must have missed when it was posted to this newsgroup.

I ftp'd to oak.oakland.edu:/pub/hamradio/docs/faq and got the file faq_sats.txt. This document is very helpful to me. With this in hand, along with the output for my location from one of the tracking programs which uses the 2liner element sents for the Satellites, I will be in fine shape for field day.

I hope that this message will be helpful to other hams interested in trying

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KF8UW
Jeff Johnson
Date: Tue, 21 Jun 94 17:34:15 EDT
From: library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!news.umbc.edu!eff!news.kei.com!
babbage.ece.uc.edu!news.cs.indiana.edu!nstn.ns.ca!newsflash.concordia.ca!sifon!
clouso.crim.ca!@@ihnp4.ucsd.edu
Subject: Satellite images
To: ham-space@ucsd.edu
Can anyone tell me if there is an FTP site or BBS which would allow the
download of amateur satellite images. (Other than direct download from
the satellite itself) ?
Thank you.
John.
Date: Thu, 16 Jun 1994 22:51:33 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!EU.net!uknet!demon!
news@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Shortwave radio guide book HELP!!!
To: ham-space@ucsd.edu
In article <2tov7s$bfe@aladdin.iii.org.tw> idpt783@tpts1.seed.net.tw writes:
>HI!
>I am considering buying a shortwave radio guide book.
   Here are 3 three books to choice.
       1. Passport World Band Radio 1994
>
       2.1994 Edition Wordldradio TV Handbook
>
       3. Shortwave Listening Guide Book, Harry Helms, Second Edition
>Do you have an opinion on which one of these is
                                                 better for my to buy ?
Not clear where your are calling from, but if UK (or US/Europe) I suggest you
request them all from your local library, then make an informed choice, if any
still needed. We need to use our libraries before they are taken away in
government cuts !! Usually libraries are only too happy to dig things out, or
find them elsewhere, or even buy fresh.
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to work a satellite on field day.

Date: 21 Jun 1994 16:51:09 -0500

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post.its.mcw.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Wanted: Satellite Gear

To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

I am interested in obtaining gear for a satellite station. I need most things and am particularly interested in a Yaesu FT-736R. If you have satellite equipment for sale or you want to upgrade send e-mail.

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Michael J. Malloy Medical College of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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